

(a) During the last three years (1988-89 to 1990-91), salient research achievements of ILRI are as under:

- I. *Acala auriculiferms* (Akasmani) was found to be a promising lac host both for 'Kusumi' and 'Rangeen' strains of lac insect.
 - ii. Air layering was found to be the most successful technique increasing a quailcal plantation of *Butea monosperma* (pales), a major lac host.
 - iii. Implementation of an integrated schedule of cultural mechanical and chemical techniques resulted in significant suppression of lac predators, there by increasing lac production.
 - iv. One tonne of lac mud was found to be equivalent to a tonne of farm yard manure' as an organic manure for rice.
 - v. Based on epoxy resin sand shellac an adhesive that can bond steel to steel, wood to wood and mild steel to wood, has been prepared.
 - vi. A varnish based on lac epoxy resin composition having good anti-tracking properties and high thermal resistance besides most of the desirable properties of an insulating varnish, has been prepared.
 - vii. an anti-corsive primer compotion based on lac has been prepared.
- b. During 1991-92, the salient research achievements of ILRI are as under;
- i. A simple method for recovery of lac dye from lac factory efflients has

been evolved.

- ii. By incorporating shellac in polyvinyl acetate varnish, the taracking index of the varnish has been improved, from 174 volts to 240 volts.

Financial Assistance to municipal corporation of Delhi

4856. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal? Corporation of Delhi has sought financial assistance from the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (a) and (b). Delhi Administration has forward a request of the Municipal corporation of Delhi for sanctioning of Rs. 50.50 cores as a ways an means advance to the Corporation during the current financial year. No final view has been taken so far in this regard.

[Translation]

Gas Linkage to power Plant in Madhya Pradesh

4857. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which has demand of gas linkage to gas based power plants in the Eastern Madhya Pradesh is likely to be accepted ; and